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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 18, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009. The Examiner is requested to consider the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.